

Introduction to World Politics

Final Examination: Review Sheet

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Layout

Type One: True/False-Short Answer

- Determine if each statement is true or false. If the statement is false, change one of the underlined terms to make it a true statement.

Type Two: Multiple Choice

- You will need to select the option that best answers the question. Sometimes, I may ask you to choose the one that does *not* belong. Be aware.

Type Three: Short Answer

- Answer the question using complete sentences, proper grammar, clear logic, and legible handwriting.

Type Four: Essay

- Answer the essay question in standard essay form. This includes an introduction, a conclusion, and a logical argument in the body.
- I will provide to you the essay question before the examination. You are encouraged to write a practice answer to that question.
- Make sure you cite your sources of information, including facts and theories

Type Five: The Map

Things to study

This list is far from complete. Everything discussed in class is fair game for the exam. However, this list will be more than sufficient for most of you.

Things and Words and Ideas and Patterns

- Science, fact, theory, hypothesis, normal science, revolutionary science, falsifiable, generalizable, operationalization, temporal precedence, theoretic feasibility, correlation, causality
- Three levels of sources (primary sources, secondary sources, tertiary sources). Strengths and weaknesses of each

- State, nation, country
- Freedom House; Polity IV; GDP, GNP, GDP per capita, PPP; Patterns of each
- Electoral systems; Effective number of electoral parties; Presidential and parliamentary systems; Unitary, confederal, and federal systems; Patterns of each
- Infant Mortality Rate, Death Rate, Birth Rate, Life Expectancy; Patterns of each
- Realism perspective; Liberalism perspective; Idea-based perspectives, social theories, gender theories; Balance of power; State sovereignty; Power; Unipolar, Bipolar, Multipolar
- Multilateral, unilateral, interventionist, isolationist
- Anarchic state system; Rationality, Prisoner's dilemma; Democratic peace thesis, limits of the DPT; Effects of the military-industrial complex (including Eisenhower)
- Wars, definition of war, causes of wars; War, civil war, guerilla war; Terrorism, definitions of terrorism, causes of terrorism; Nationalism, ethnicity
- Weapons of mass destruction; CBNR and differences between them; NPT; MAD; SDI
- Mercantilism and economic liberalism; Sanctions and autarky and cartels; Globalization, effects of, definitions of; Interdependence; Currency exchange, convertible currencies, inflation, hard currency; Exchange rates, fixed, floating, managed floating; IMF, World Bank
- International laws, international norms, Just War Theory (*ad bellum, in bello*); IGO, NGO, MNC; UN General Assembly, UN Security Council; Peacekeeping; International Court of Justice; International Criminal Court; Ambassador, Consul, Embassy, Consulate
- First world, Third world; Industrialized states, developing countries, less-developed countries; Foreign aid
- Imperialism, Socialism, Capitalism
- Tuna in the world, seafood species in general; Environmental issues, Global climate change, air and water pollution, biodiversity, energy sources, water depletion, shrinking of the Aral Sea, overpopulation
- The Internet, technology gap
- Ruritania; Tunawars
- Citation of information

Specifics: Make sure you know...

- Know the maps and states and their locations on the maps.
- Know the events that have transpired in the world throughout this semester. Focus on the Foreign News Happenings briefs.

Some interesting questions

I find these questions quite interesting. You should also find them interesting. You will see one or more on the examination.

- Why did this class fail in the Tunawars simulation? How are the results of the Tunawars simulation similar to other instances, in the real world, of environmental catastrophe brought about by laissez faire capitalism? What can be done to modify capitalism (without eliminating it) to keep such catastrophes from happening? Are the losses to capitalism worth the safety from environmental catastrophe?
- The authors describe Realism and Liberalism theories in International Relations. Using examples from both the Tunawars simulation and the real world, clearly explain each. Which of the two was the predominant theory used by the actor in Tunawars? Which of the two is the predominant theory used in the real world? Make sure you use explicit examples.
- Would we expect terrorist groups to take root in Ruritania? Would we expect Ruritania to attack either of its neighbors? Would we expect Ruritania to attack the United States? Use theories and facts about Ruritania to support your conclusions. Be clear and concise.
- Do nuclear weapons increase the safety in the world or decrease it? First, explain both sides using theories and facts. After you have explained both sides of the argument, provide your own answer to the question, again using theories and facts. Make sure you are explicit.
- Should the United States follow International Law? First, explain both sides using theories and facts. After you have explained both sides of the argument, provide your own answer to the question, again using theories and facts. Make sure you are explicit.